

1 AN ACT in relation to schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-14.20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.20) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.20)

7 Sec. 3-14.20. Building plans and specifications. To
8 inspect the building plans and specifications, including but
9 not limited to plans and specifications for the heating,
10 ventilating, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and
11 safety against fire of public school rooms and buildings
12 submitted to him by school boards, and to approve all those
13 which comply substantially with the building code authorized
14 in Section 2-3.12. Within 10 business days after the regional
15 superintendent of schools receives plans and specifications
16 from a school board and prior to the bidding process, he or
17 she shall notify the municipality and, if applicable, the
18 fire protection district where the school that is being
19 constructed or altered lies that plan and specifications have
20 been submitted. In the case of an unincorporated area, the
21 county shall be notified. If (i) local fire, building, or
22 plumbing inspectors in the municipality, fire protection
23 district, or county request a review of the plans and
24 specifications or (ii) the regional superintendent of schools
25 requests that any of these local inspectors review the plans
26 and specifications and the municipality, fire protection
27 district, or county determines that it can accommodate this
28 request, then the school board shall submit a copy of the
29 plans and specifications to the local inspectors. The local
30 inspectors or, on behalf of the local inspectors, a certified
31 plan reviewer or certified inspector shall comment on the

1 plans and specifications based on the building code
2 authorized in Section 2-3.12 and respond to the regional
3 superintendent of schools within 15 business days after a
4 copy of the plans and specifications has been received by the
5 local inspectors. "Certified plan reviewer" and "certified
6 inspector" mean an individual who has been certified as such
7 by a national model code organization or equivalent agency
8 approved by the Capital Development Board. The Office of the
9 State Fire Marshal may review the plans and specifications at
10 the request of the local fire department or fire protection
11 district. If the local inspectors or certified inspector wish
12 to inspect the actual school construction or alteration, the
13 local inspectors or certified inspector must set up an
14 initial pre-construction meeting with the regional
15 superintendent of schools, outlining the inspection schedule
16 and construction reviews. The regional superintendent of
17 schools shall then notify the school district. The local
18 inspectors or certified inspector shall respond to the
19 regional superintendent of schools with any comments at the
20 completion of each inspection. The review and inspection
21 shall be done at no cost to the school district. The local
22 fire department or fire protection district where the school
23 is being constructed or altered may request a review of the
24 plans and specifications. The regional superintendent of
25 schools shall submit a copy of the plans and specifications
26 within 10 business days after the request. The fire
27 department or fire protection district may comment on the
28 plans and specifications based on the building code
29 authorized in Section 2-3.12 of the Code and, if any
30 corrective action must be taken, shall respond to the
31 regional superintendent of schools within 15 days after
32 receipt of the plans and specifications. The Office of the
33 State Fire Marshal may review the plans and specifications at
34 the request of the fire department or fire protection

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3 If such plans and specifications are not approved or
4 denied approval by the regional superintendent of schools
5 within 3 months after the date on which they are submitted to
6 him or her, the school board may submit such plans and
7 specifications directly to the State Superintendent of
8 Education for approval or denial.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-593, eff. 1-1-03.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.